

## **MARIA S. HOUGHTON SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

### **Outline and Information**

**PURPOSE:** Further the education of boys and girls who are financially unable, either by themselves or by their parents, to pay further education.

**CRITERIA:**

- Resident of Town
- The individual has to either be attending or has attended Sterling Public Schools with/without including the High School
- The student either has to be attending or has attended the High School of another community
- Applicants have to be selected as being deserving and worthy of further education by the Principal of the public schools or high school
- The principal must consult at least three of the student's teachers who have instructed said student beyond grade 5. The three teachers have to approve said candidate and submit letters recommending said student.
- The term education is to be used in a broad sense.

**MAIL TO:**

**TOWN OF STERLING  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
1 PARK STREET  
STERLING, MA 01564**

**TRUSTEES OF THE  
MARIA S. HOUGHTON SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

MAKE-UP OF TRUSTEES:

- THREE MEMBERS OF THE STERLING BOARD OF SELECTMEN
- CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE COMMITTEE
- DEACON OF FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (FIRST CHURCH)

TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Decide how much money is to be transferred from the John Houghton Fund into the Maria S. Houghton Scholarship Fund.
- Determine how much the scholarships will be and how many there will be.
- Make final decision as to award winner(s).
- Trustees are also responsible for overseeing and making decisions on the following two funds:
  1. *John Houghton Fund* - This is used for the purpose of supplying needy single women, that live in Sterling with fuel (of any kind) to heat their homes.
  2. *Florence G. Houghton Tree Fund* - The purpose of this fund is to purchase, set out and care for native shade trees along the roadsides of Sterling. When purchasing and setting out a tree, as stated in the will, Sugar Maples are preferred if possible. The setting out of a tree is to occur at least once a year if funds permit.